Loan licence system in Bengal Immunity

2722. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loan licence system has been introduced in Bengal Immunity; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently, Bengal Immunity Ltd. has loan licence arrangements with some companies for production of certain items for supply to Health Ministry and to meet other demands. The products have not been manufactured by the company due to acute paucity of working capital and to maintain the market demand for the company.

List of essential drugs

2723. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have with them a list of essential drugs or the exact number of formulations manufactured in the country;

(b) whether Government would make sure that essential and life saving drugs are available at reasonable prices; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a National Drug and Pharmaceutical Authority?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Quantification of essentiality of drugs is difficult. Exact number of formulations manufactured in the country is not available.

(b) Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is aimed at ensuring the availability of essential and life saving drugs at reasonable prices.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Amount due from multinational drug companies

2724. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational drug companies are delaying payment of dues amounting to over Rs. 13 crores as in December, 1983; and

(b) whether the amount so due was updated till the end of 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Details of the amount assessed tentatively by the special team as recoverable from the companies for the period ending 31-12-83 and the amounts recovered till date are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount to be recovered (Rs.)	Amount recovered (Rs.)
1	M/s. Hoechst (I) Ltd.	5,64,12,423	3 crores
	M/s. Cyanamid (I) Ltd.	4,92.00 247	50 lakhs
	M/s. John Wyeth Ltd.	1,66.87,232	15 lakhs
	Pfizer Ltd.	99,07 731	5 lakhs
	Geoffery Manners Ltd.	29,85,260	—
	Glaxo Ltd.	10,18,543	7.99.13
	Glaxo Indian Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd.	—	42,936